

Public Involvement Meeting Handout

**STH 82
Desoto – Viroqua, STH 35 to STH 27
Vernon County**

Project ID: 5150-02-00/70



**January 22, 2020
5:00pm to 6:30pm
Village of Desoto Community Center
57 Crawford Street, Desoto, WI 54624**

Purpose of the meeting

The informal meeting is being conducted to inform the general public and local officials, in regard to the upcoming improvement project on STH 82, located in the Village of Desoto, Town of Wheatland, Town of Sterling and the Town of Franklin in Vernon County.

No formal presentation will be conducted but rather a open house format for open discussion on project concepts.

Project information

We are proposing to improve 14.9 miles of STH 82.

Project Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to preserve and improve this segment of the STH 82 corridor.

The 14.9 mile project on STH 82, from STH 35 to STH 27, will include milling and overlaying the existing roadway with 3.5-inches of asphaltic surface (rural areas) and 4-inches of asphaltic surface (urban areas with curb and gutter in the Village of Desoto) of STH 82. The roadway will be paved to two (2) 11-foot lanes with the shoulder paved to 2-foot width as part of the project work.

In addition, the project will include other improvements in both the rural and urban sections of the project:

In the urban section of Desoto, the parking lanes will be milled and repaved similar to the main roadway with 4-inch asphaltic surface, storm inlets will be repaired if necessary, and minor sidewalk repairs will be completed. The intersection of N. Devlin Street will be upgraded and the box culvert at the intersection will be replaced.

In the rural sections of the project curb and gutter will be added at various locations, replacement of beam guard and terminals, pavement marking, and signing will be upgraded. This project will also include extending, lining or replacement of nine (9) existing culverts or box culverts within the project as well as slope improvements at those culverts to improve the steep slopes adjacent to the roadway. The intersection of Swenson Avenue will be reconstructed to meet current standards.

In the Redmound area, curb and gutter will be added along the Town of Wheatland and adjacent properties to help control drainage from STH 82 as well as to control access on to STH 82.

**Location Map
(See Attached)**

Proposed traffic impacts

Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2023.

During construction, STH 82 will be closed to through traffic for approximately one (1) month to allow for box culverts and pipe work to take place. STH 82 will be detoured during this time to STH 27, USH 14, STH 56 and STH 35. During the detour, STH 82 will be kept open to local traffic and emergency services. Through traffic will be required to use the posted detour route.

Once, the culvert work is completed STH 82 will be opened to through traffic and the remaining portions of the project will be completed under traffic, with temporary lane closures and the use of flagging operations.

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project. The acquisitions will be required at the nine (9) pipe locations, N. Devlin Street, Redmound area, and Swenson Avenue. Preliminary right of way impacts are as shown on the exhibits.

WisDOT expects to begin real estate acquisition in (2021).

Project update/next steps

No other general public meetings are anticipated for this project.

Additional meetings may be conducted with local officials as needed.

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and input regarding the proposed project. Please mail any written comments about the project before (January 31, 2020) or leave them in the comment box tonight. You can also e-mail your comments to the contacts listed below.

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process.

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